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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise, from $2,030.5 million in April to $2,137.5 million in May[1], a gain of about five percent, resulted from increases in exports of finished manufactures, semimanufactures, crude materials and crude foodstuffs. The May 1963 domestic merchandise export total was about ten percent higher than the May 1962 total of $1,945.2 million. These totals include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments.

With Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the May domestic merchandise export total amounted to $2,044.1 million, a level about five percent above the April total of $1,941.2 million and about ten percent above the May 1962 total of $1,865.1 million.

The rise in exports of finished manufactures from $1,206.1 million in April to $1,253.7 million in May reflected, in part, increases in exports of commodities included in this economic class as follows: power generating machinery, from $28.6 to $34.1 million; motor trucks and busses, from $19.2 to $22.4 million; construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from $81.0 to $84.8 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $66.8 to $70.6 million; and machine tools and parts, excluding Special Category Type 1, from $20.0 to $23.4 million. However, exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, also included in this economic class, fell from $128.2 to $117.2 million. Exports of semimanufactures increased from $278.5 to $308.4 million reflecting increases in exports of most of the individual commodities included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these increases were wood pulp, from $12.3 to $19.0 million; industrial chemicals, excluding Special Category Type 1, from $30.1 to $36.5 million; and sawmill products, from $8.0 to $10.6 million. The increase in exports of crude materials from $185.8 to $200.8 million was largely accounted for by an increase in exports of coal from $35.2 to $45.9 million. Exports of crude foodstuffs advanced from $220.9 to $235.7 million owing chiefly to increases in exports of wheat, from $122.1 to $133.1 million and fresh or frozen fruits, from $6.3 to $10.1 million.

Although the decrease in exports of manufactured foodstuffs was slight, from $139.1 to $138.9 million, there was a sizable drop in exports of milled rice, from $21.1 to $15.0 million.

[1] See the May 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under $100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under $50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: MAY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Data revised to reflect corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1]		May 1963	April 1963	May 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total	value	[2]2,137.5	[3]2,030.5	[4]1,945.2	[5]1,779.9
Crude materials	value	200.8	185.8	193.0	186.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	6.8	5.5	7.0	6.9
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb.	200,818	163,113	169,386	132,378
	value	13.1	10.4	11.2	8.6
Oilseeds	value	34.1	39.0	33.2	35.7
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	28,335	45,991	29,215	39,073
	value	20.7	25.0	22.2	31.1
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	340	336	388	342
	value	42.8	41.3	50.4	44.8
Coal	1,000 s.tons	4,913	3,756	3,902	3,357
	value	45.9	35.2	36.8	31.4
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	153	170	340	149
	value	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.4
All other crude materials	value	36.9	28.9	31.3	27.2
Crude foodstuffs	value	235.7	220.9	215.0	167.3
Corn	1,000 bu.	39,385	41,209	41,819	35,383
	value	52.0	55.6	52.1	43.9
Wheat	1,000 bu.	74,477	67,741	57,151	43,014
	value	133.1	122.1	103.7	77.8
Other grains	value	22.9	20.1	32.9	23.3
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb.	201,456	153,247	200,538	117,706
	value	9.9	8.5	11.4	7.0
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb.	108,893	65,085	126,898	120,946
	value	10.1	6.3	9.0	9.4
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.2
All other crude foodstuffs	value	7.2	7.5	5.1	4.7
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	138.9	139.1	127.5	113.8
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb.	47,549	42,562	61,698	43,065
	value	12.8	11.0	17.3	12.7
Lard	1,000 lb.	70,148	60,249	24,752	35,174
	value	6.0	5.4	2.7	3.4
Dairy products	1,000 lb.	68,035	73,290	36,724	40,045
	value	8.9	12.8	6.7	6.8
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb.	2,035	1,633	2,139	2,976
	value	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.3
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb.	222	306	223	192
	value	15.0	21.1	15.4	12.7
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt.	3,789	2,713	3,204	2,687
	value	14.4	9.9	12.5	10.4
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.0
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb.	10,302	13,738	11,606	18,868
	value	2.2	2.9	2.5	3.9
Canned fruits	1,000 lb.	39,194	28,052	36,504	50,224
	value	5.7	3.9	5.1	6.6
Fruit juices	1,000 gal.	3,685	2,778	3,872	3,111
	value	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.5
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb.	53,929	86,592	127,658	73,132
	value	7.2	11.3	17.4	9.9
Sugar and related products	value	3.5	2.0	1.6	1.6
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	24.9	25.4	15.8	15.3
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	28.2	24.3	21.5	21.7
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	308.4	278.5	257.0	253.7
Leather	value	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.8
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb.	60,293	61,321	49,056	56,690
	value	15.4	13.9	12.3	14.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: MAY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]		May 1963	April 1963	May 1962	Monthly average 1962
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value..	4.6	3.6	3.6	4.0
Vegetable oils and fats, crude	1,000 lb..	108,304	127,983	11,229	65,082
	value..	11.1	12.5	1.5	6.9
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	44,854	36,813	32,049	30,434
	value..	6.1	5.2	4.9	4.5
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	16,417	13,060	10,923	11,411
	value..	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb..	21,107	18,605	17,996	18,097
	value..	14.2	13.4	14.7	14.0
Sawmill products	1,000 bd. ft..	82,507	62,632	78,282	63,164
	value..	10.6	8.0	9.0	7.6
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons..	148	97	113	99
	value..	19.0	12.3	14.8	13.1
Fuel oil, distillate and residual	1,000 bbl..	2,629	2,626	1,887	1,814
	value..	7.0	7.3	5.2	5.2
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons..	129	138	136	128
	value..	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.0
Steel mill products, semifinished	value..	3.5	2.9	1.4	2.1
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb..	26,261	19,621	19,700	17,103
	value..	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb..	152,707	144,006	114,629	120,054
	value..	18.1	16.9	14.8	14.2
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb..	70,293	74,578	63,141	65,682
	value..	5.1	5.9	4.7	5.0
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	17.4	14.5	19.6	14.9
Aluminum semimanufactures	value..	13.0	12.9	9.2	10.5
Copper semimanufactures	value..	18.1	16.2	17.0	17.8
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value..	17.2	16.2	17.1	15.3
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb..	82,168	76,846	72,260	72,498
	value..	26.4	25.4	23.2	23.5
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	36.5	30.1	26.2	26.5
Pigments	1,000 lb..	46,734	49,309	49,678	48,118
	value..	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.0
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials	1,000 lb..	159,826	50,255	196,086	133,423
	value..	3.4	1.4	4.1	3.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	45.8	44.3	39.3	36.8
Finished manufactures	value..	1,253.7	1,206.1	1,152.7	1,058.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands..	83	102	86	89
	value..	2.7	3.2	2.7	2.9
Other rubber manufactures	value..	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.3
Cigarettes	millions..	2,635	2,044	1,880	2,007
	value..	11.7	9.0	8.3	8.9
Other tobacco manufactures	value..	1.1	1.5	0.7	0.9
Cotton cloth	value..	8.8	9.2	10.1	9.8
Other cotton manufactures	value..	9.3	8.4	7.8	7.6
Wool manufactures	value..	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value..	15.3	15.2	13.6	13.3
Other textile manufactures	value..	5.8	6.2	5.6	5.7
Wood manufactures, advanced	value..	2.8	2.7	3.1	2.7
Paper and manufactures	value..	29.0	26.3	24.2	24.0
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value..	0.7	2.3	1.3	2.4
Lubricating oil	value..	23.0	22.9	20.2	18.8
Glass and products	value..	8.9	7.9	7.9	7.8
Steel mill manufactures	value..	15.9	14.2	9.5	10.5
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.	value..	43.4	42.9	39.1	37.9
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number..	25,761	24,713	29,433	20,429
	value..	4.0	3.6	4.5	3.0
Radio and television apparatus	value..	35.8	33.7	33.0	28.8
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value..	86.4	81.9	79.6	73.2
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.	value..	34.1	28.6	30.1	27.5
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery	value..	84.8	81.0	71.2	69.0
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	23.4	20.0	32.9	28.2
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value..	21.1	23.9	13.7	15.7
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value..	13.5	13.1	14.3	14.1
Other industrial machinery and parts	value..	121.0	112.6	103.9	97.1

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MAY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]		May 1963	April 1963	May 1962	Monthly average 1962
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts	value..	29.4	27.2	31.0	27.4
Agricultural machines, implements and parts	value..	19.3	19.2	17.6	13.2
Tractors	number..	6,814	7,067	6,191	4,883
	value..	23.7	24.7	23.9	17.2
Tractor parts and accessories	value..	14.7	14.9	14.6	13.1
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new)	number..	9,919	9,202	9,807	8,585
	value..	22.4	19.2	22.7	20.0
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new)	number..	11,098	10,795	11,199	10,581
	value..	21.5	21.2	21.8	20.4
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement	value..	70.6	66.8	59.2	56.3
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new)	value..	8.4	11.0	12.7	11.9
Aircraft, parts and accessories	value..	117.2	128.2	149.8	120.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c	number..	3	12	8	10
	value..	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.0
Railway transportation equipment	value..	13.5	11.2	9.7	13.1
Antibiotics	value..	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.3
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	value..	19.0	17.5	17.5	17.2
Soap and toilet preparations	value..	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c	value..	7.4	7.2	2.0	3.2
Ammunition, components and parts	value..	26.3	20.7	23.4	16.3
Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	45.8	46.2	34.1	25.6
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	193.2	182.3	157.5	156.3

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Includes $93.4 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($42.9 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $89.3 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($32.6 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $80.1 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($40.6 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $60.6 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($22.5 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included.